

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

JAMES GILLIAM, Individually And On Behalf Of
All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

VS.

FIDELITY MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH
COMPANY, et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 04cv11600 (NG)

BOGATIN FAMILY TRUST, Individually And On
Behalf Of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

VS.

Civil Action No. 04cv11642 (NG)

FIDELITY MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH
COMPANY, et al.,

Defendants.

CYNTHIA A. BENNETT and GUY E. MILLER,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

Civil Action No. 04cv11651 (MLW)

FIDELITY MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH
COMPANY, et al.,

Defendants.

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**MOTION TO STRIKE THE *BENNETT* PLAINTIFFS’ MOTION
FOR LEAVE TO FILE A SURREPLY AND THE *BENNETT* PLAINTIFFS’
[PROPOSED] SURREPLY IN OPPOSITION TO THE CLASS
ACTION PLAINTIFFS’ MOTION FOR CONSOLIDATION**

GHASSAN J. AWALI et al., Individually And On
Behalf Of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

FIDELITY MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH
COMPANY, et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 04cv11709 (MLW)

WILLIAM S. GROESCHEL, Individually And On
Behalf Of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

FIDELITY MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH
COMPANY, et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 04cv11735 (GAO)

NANCY HAUGEN, MICHAEL F. MAGNAN,
KAREN L. MAGNAN, ROSE M. IANNACCONE,
PRESLEY C. PHILLIPS, ANDREA M. PHILLIPS,
and CINDY SCHURGIN, for the use and benefit of
FIDELITY MAGELLAN AND FIDELITY
CONTRAFUND,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

FIDELITY MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH
COMPANY, et al.,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 04cv11756 (MLW)

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DAVID O. FALLERT, Individually And On Behalf)	
Of All Others Similarly Situated,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	Civil Action No. 04cv11812 (MLW)
vs.)	
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FIDELITY MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH)	
COMPANY, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

Plaintiffs James Gilliam, Bogatin Family Trust, William S. Groeschel, Ghassan J. Awali, Marina Berti, Valeriex A. Daspit, Arthur G. Denker, Randall C. Heyward, Stanley H. Krupa, Nicole Lenzi, David M. Lucoff, Joseph F. Martingano, Michael S. Mendolia, Patricia K. Munshaw, Brian D. Reese, Jay J. Rupp, Gilbert P. Travis, Jewel R. Travis and David O. Fallert (the “*Gilliam* Plaintiffs”) hereby move to strike the *Bennett* Plaintiffs’ Motion for Leave to File Surreply and the *Bennett* Plaintiffs’ [Proposed] Surreply in Opposition to the Class Action Plaintiffs’ Motion for Consolidation.¹

The *Bennett* Plaintiffs’ [Proposed] Surreply comes after a motion for consolidation of seven cases (the “*Gilliam* Consolidation Motion”) has been fully briefed. The *Bennett* Plaintiffs attempt at serial briefing to get another submission before the Court should be denied. The *Bennett* Plaintiffs have already filed a comprehensive opposition to the *Gilliam* Consolidation Motion. The *Gilliam* Plaintiffs then filed a Reply Brief that was tailored to the arguments raised by *Bennett*, and other parties, in opposition to consolidation. As the moving party, the *Gilliam* Plaintiffs were entitled to rebut the arguments made against consolidation. The time for

¹ By moving to strike *Bennett's* [Proposed] Surreply, the *Gilliam* Plaintiffs do not waive any right to respond to the substantive issues raised in the motion.

introducing arguments in opposition to consolidation has passed. Simply put: enough is enough. The *Bennett* Plaintiffs' [Proposed] Surreply should be stricken.²

In addition, the *Bennett* Plaintiffs make an argument that in order for the *Gilliam* Plaintiffs to show that the Defendants charged the Fidelity funds and their shareholders excessive fees, "the larger Fidelity funds -- like those five identified in the *Bennett* Action -- would be expected to prove their case ... by contrasting the fees charged in their funds with the much more reasonable advisory fees charged to other Fidelity funds." [Proposed] Surreply at 14. They then leap to the (illogical) conclusion that this creates a conflict for *Gilliam* because if the counsel for *Gilliam* compared the fees on behalf of the shareholders of the larger Fidelity funds, "it would seriously damage the claims of other shareholders in the class." *Id.* This argument would require the Court to accept at this early stage of the case that *Bennett's* method for proving a Section 36(b) claim is proper. This is premature, particularly on an empty factual record. It is nonsensical for *Bennett* to argue that the way in which it will attempt to prove its case somehow creates a conflict for *Gilliam* when there has been no ruling that *Bennett's* methodology is correct or exclusive. In any event, this convoluted argument has no bearing whatsoever on the pending motion for consolidation, providing a further basis to strike this (repetitive) additional brief by *Bennett*.

The *Gilliam* Plaintiffs should not have to continue filing briefs addressing nonsensical and/or repetitive points that are being raised by *Bennett* in an attempt to have the last word on

² A reading of the 15-page [Proposed] Surreply demonstrates that it is no more than a re-hash of the arguments *Bennett* has already made in its prior brief. Moreover, to the extent *Bennett* claims that the *Gilliam* Plaintiffs' counsel copied the work of the *Bennett* Plaintiffs' counsel, it should be noted that since October 2003, the *Gilliam* Plaintiffs' counsel have filed some 23 other similar excessive fee cases. This is long before the *Bennett* Plaintiffs' counsel filed this case or any other excessive fee case. In fact, the large number of such similar cases in which the *Gilliam* Plaintiffs' counsel has already been appointed as lead counsel further demonstrates they are well-suited to be lead counsel here.

Gilliam's consolidation motion. The *Gilliam* Plaintiffs will, of course, at the direction of the Court, substantively respond to the arguments raised in the [Proposed] Surreply either in an additional memorandum of law or at a hearing on consolidation should the Court choose to hold such a hearing.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed herein, the *Gilliam* Plaintiffs respectfully request this Court to strike the Motion for Leave to File Surreply and the [Proposed] Surreply in Opposition to Motion for Consolidation, and to decide such motions on the more than sufficient record already before the Court.

Dated: January 10, 2005

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LOCAL RULE 7.1(A)(2) CERTIFICATE

I, Nancy Freeman Gans, hereby certify that on January 10, 2005, I spoke by telephone with the Matthew J. Tuttle, Esquire, of Perkins Smith & Cohen LLP, counsel for the Bennett Plaintiffs, regarding the Motion to Strike the Bennett Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to File A Surreply and the Bennett Plaintiffs' [Proposed] Surreply in Opposition to the Class Action Plaintiffs' Motion for Consolidation, who opposes the motion.

/s/ Nancy Freeman Gans
Nancy Freeman Gans

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Nancy Freeman Gans, hereby certify that I served a copy of the foregoing document upon counsel for all parties by facsimile this 10th day of January, 2005.

/s/ Nancy Freeman Gans
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